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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

Please settle this lawsuit as soon as possible. Our country needs to be over such legal turmoil and focus its attention on rebuilding our economy and our national confidence that was so devastated by the events of 9/11 and the crashing of the stock market.

I believe that the fall of the stock market was due to the decision by Judge Jackson against Microsoft. The dates coincide, but in fact his decision stifled innovation and the ability of our greatest inventors to precede with their new ideas.....

As of today, 1/23/02, I just read about a new lawsuit filed by AOL against Microsoft concerning its Netscape browser. I have used Netscape a few times and it is still far inferior to all browsers. Its like the former automobile, the Yugo. I hope no taxpayers money will be wasted on pursuing this new issue which is ludicrous and insensible.

Microsoft is leading the technology race because its products are far superior than anything yet invented. If someone can create a better product, the American people would buy it; as in a few cases they have. But generally most products being sold by other tech companies are inferior clones of already invented products.

I am appalled at the fact that certain companies have used the American legal system to attack and try to destroy a company, Microsoft. They have done this only for the reason that their products are not being bought by the American consumer; for good reason.

350 years ago, Antonius Stradivarius and his student Guisippe Guarnarius figured out how to make a violin that to this day is the violin of choice for every violinist. What would happen if 350 years ago Billy Smith had the savvy lawyers and advisors to convince a government that Stradivarius' product was too good? Civilization would have taken a giant step backward. Please don't let this happen, especially in this time of turmoil.

Sincerely your,
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